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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HA ET AL.

Examiner

Jill E. Culler

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-15, 19, 20, 22 and 24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 16-18, 21 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species I, claims 1-6, 16-18, 21 and 23 in the reply filed on February 9, 2005 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-6 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. PGPUB 2001/0024228 to Klinefelter et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,759,286 to Witczak and U.S. Patent No. 3,942,314 to Olowinski.

With respect to claims 1 and 16, Klinefelter et al. teaches a feeding roller shaft supporter for an inkjet printer having a feeding roller shaft, comprising: a main chassis which forms a frame of an ink-jet printer; a first supporting unit in the main chassis supporting opposite ends of the feeding roller shaft; a driving member provided at a first end of the feeding roller shaft;

Klinefelter et al. does not teach an axial position correction unit mounted on the feeding roller shaft close to the driving member, correcting an axial position of the feeding roller shaft; or a second supporting unit supporting the feeding roller shaft,

wherein the second supporting unit is provided on a second end of the feeding roller shaft.

Witczak teaches an axial position correction unit mounted on the shaft of a roller, correcting an axial position of the shaft.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the axial position correction unit of Witczak with the feeding roller shaft of Klinefelter et al. in order to have more control over the axial positioning of the shaft.

Olowinski teaches a shaft having a second supporting unit provided on a second end supporting the shaft in an axial direction. See column 2, line 55 – column 3, line 22 and Fig. 2.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the second supporting unit of Olowinski with the shaft supporter of Klinefelter to reduce the vibration in the shaft when the roller is operated.

With respect to claim 2, Klinefelter teaches the first supporting unit comprises first and second bushings, the first and second bushings respectively located at opposite ends of the feeding roller shaft. See page 3, paragraph 34.

With respect to claims 3, 4 and 17, although Klinefelter et al. does not explicitly discuss a predetermined interval between the driving member and the first supporting unit at the first end of the feeding roller shaft, it is noted that an apparatus will always have a predetermined interval between any two given elements so it would be inherent for this to be the case between the elements of Klinefelter et al. in this invention.

With respect to claims 5, 6 and 18, Klinefelter et al. does not teach that the second supporting unit comprises an anchoring ring and a washer centered about the feeding roller shaft, or that it is provided to be in face-contact with a surface of the first supporting unit facing the first end of the feeding roller shaft.

Olowinski teaches a shaft supporting unit comprising an anchoring ring, 32, and a washer, 38, centered about the feeding roller shaft, or that it is provided to be in face-contact with a surface of the first supporting unit facing the first end of the feeding roller shaft. See column 2, line 55 – column 3, line 22 and Fig. 2.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the second supporting unit of Olowinski with the shaft supporter of Klinefelter to efficiently reduce the vibration in the shaft when the roller is operated.

4. Claims 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klinefelter et al. in view of Olowinski.

With respect to claim 21, Klinefelter et al. teaches a feeding roller shaft supporter for an ink-jet printer having a feeding roller shaft, 74, comprising: a first supporting unit, 75, supporting opposite ends of the feeding roller shaft, 74, in a radial direction; a driving member provided at a first end of the feeding roller shaft. See page 3, paragraphs 33-34.

Klinefelter does not teach a second supporting unit provided on a second end of the feeding roller shaft, supporting the feeding roller shaft in an axial direction.

Olowinski teaches a shaft having a second supporting unit provided on a second end supporting the shaft in an axial direction. See column 2, line 55 – column 3, line 22 and Fig. 2.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the second supporting unit of Olowinski with the shaft supporter of Klinefelter to reduce the vibration in the shaft when the roller is operated.

With respect to claim 23, although Klinefelter et al. does not explicitly discuss a predetermined interval between the driving member and the first supporting unit at the first end of the feeding roller shaft, it is noted that an apparatus will always have a predetermined interval between any two given elements so it would be inherent for this to be the case between the elements of Klinefelter et al. in this invention.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patent No. 2,083,365 to Dodge, U.S. Patent No. 3,481,211 to Bottazzi, U.S. Patent No. 3,788,638 to Lehmann, U.S. Patent No. 4,187,668 to Olowinski et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,448,554 to Driemeyer, U.S. Patent No. 6,183,406 to Barrus et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,286,931 to Kawakami et al. each teach a roller supporting apparatus having apparent similarities to the claimed subject matter.


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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jill E. Culler whose telephone number is (571) 272-2159. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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